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VIA EMAIL: NDPSC@ND.GOV

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Bison 4 Wind Project
Oliver/Morton Counties
Siting Application
Case No. PU-13-127

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find attached Minnesota Power's Bison 4 Storm Incident Report, in the above-referenced case.

Yours truly,

David R. Moeller

DRM:sr
Attachments

c: Houston Engineering (email-ebaskerville@houstoneng.com)
Mike Pontius, Minnesota Power

Bison 4 Storm Damage 7-21-14

On the evening of July 21st a storm came through the Bison 4 Project site causing damage to turbine components in Area 1 (401-407), Area 2 (408-414) and Area 4 (426-432). The main damage was to wind turbine blades at 6 new sites and 4 previously damaged sites. The overall damage is still being assessed and insurance adjusters will be onsite starting July 25 to help MP and associated contractors get through the claims process. Siemens is in the process of developing new procedures for tying down the larger blades that are being used on this project.

Wind speeds were slightly below what was experienced on 7/6/14

